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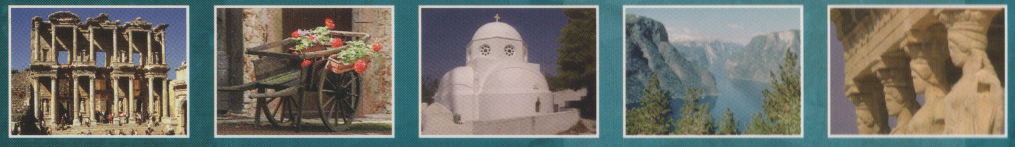

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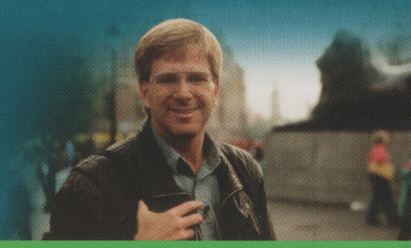

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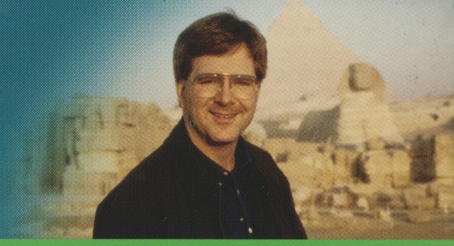

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FROM THE NORTH...

Alps of France and Switzerland

From the French town of Chamonix, we hop on a gondola lift with Rick and glide past Mt. Blanc and glistening glaciers, touching down in Italy. Then we train over to Appenzell, Switzerland, on the Glacier Express Railway and find Swiss traditions thriving in yodel-happy, cowbell country.

Alps of Austria and Italy

From high on the German and Austrian border, Rick makes his way down to Innsbruck, the historic capital of the Hapsburgs. We slap-dance the night away in a nearby Tyrolean village before turning to feudal Italy at Reifenstein Castle. Then we're out-of-doors, zooming up rock cliffs and hiking through alpine meadows in the Italian Dolomites.

France's Alsace

On the loose in France's countryside, we drive up Alsace's Route du Vin for miles of vineyards, half-timbered villages and feudal fortresses. We head to Verdun to walk the trenches of World War I before visiting Reims Cathedral to marvel at Gothic splendor and Chagall's stained glass. Our final stop is Epernay, the bubbly birthplace of champagne.

Great Side Trips from London

After a double-decker bus tour of London, we visit the Tate Gallery, the reconstructed Globe Theatre and Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms. With London as home base, Rick and his family take day trips to Stratford, Warwick Castle, Cambridge and York. Along the way, we stop for a traditional English tea and enjoy a steam-engine trip.

Northwest England

Rick and his family head to Ironbridge Gorge—the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution—and Blackpool, a beach town with neon night life. A scenic drive takes us to the calm Cumbrian Lake District—home to Wordsworth's cottage, hearty walks and sheep shearing. We end in the Norman cathedral at Durham, enjoying its Evensong service.

Copenhagen and Ærø

Denmark's Copenhagen welcomes visitors with remnants of Viking days and cosmopolitan flair. We join the locals for lunching, biking and boating before ending the day in the Tivoli Gardens amusement park. For a glimpse of long-ago Denmark, we board a train, then ferry to Aero Island for a reminder of the world of Hans Christian Anderson.

Stockholm and Helsinki

In Stockholm, Sweden's capital, we browse in the old town, see an opera at the baroque Queen's Theater, and commune with earlier centuries of Swedish life in a vibrant open-air museum. We then board a ship for a scenic overnight cruise through the Baltic Archipelago in order to explore 19th-century sights in modern Helsinki, Finland.

Oslo, Bergen, and the Fjords

Norway's seafaring past lives on in Oslo, where its harbor holds remnants from long-ago oceanic adventures. We head to the Norwegian Resistance Museum, which chronicles Norway's brave stance against the Nazis, and leave the city to ride the scenic rails and cruise a fjord. Finally, in Bergen, we stroll the Hanseatic quarter, discovering links to the city's history.

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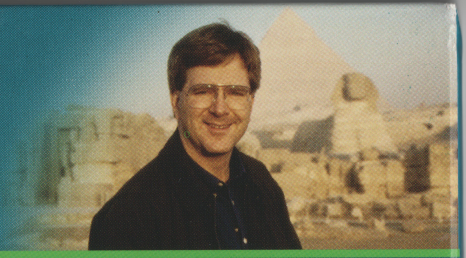

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